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Brake and Park and Hold Brake

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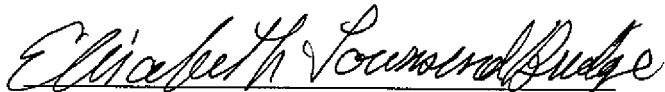
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed April 1, 2004. The
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and in which said brake pedal returns automatically to said at-rest position upon release of the manual operating forces to release the brakes, 2) through a locked position which is located beyond an end of said operating stroke, and 3) to an over-travel position which is located beyond said locked position;

(B) a brake pedal locking mechanism which cooperates with said brake pedal so as to 1) automatically latch said brake pedal in said locked position upon movement of said brake pedal into said locked position, thereby holding the brakes in their engaged condition upon release of the actuating forces, and 2) automatically unlatch said brake pedal from said locked position upon movement of said brake pedal into said over-travel position, thereby permitting return of said brake pedal to said at-rest position upon release of the actuating forces and releasing the brakes;

(C) an accelerator pedal; and

(D) a kickoff mechanism which couples said accelerator pedal to said brake pedal locking mechanism and which actuates said brake pedal locking mechanism to unlatch said brake pedal from said locked position upon actuation of said accelerator pedal;

wherein said kick-off mechanism is configured to cooperate with said accelerator pedal so as to unlatch said brake pedal within an initial three inches of accelerator pedal movement from an at-rest position thereof.

11. (Original) A brake actuator assembly for a park and hold brake system of a vehicle comprising:

(A) a brake pedal which is pivotal, under the imposition of manual operating forces, from an at-rest position, 1) through an operating stroke in which the vehicle's brakes are engaged and in which said brake pedal returns automatically to said at-rest position upon release of the manual operating forces to release the brakes upon release of the actuating forces, 2) through a locked position which is located beyond an end of said operating stroke, and 3) to an over-travel position which is located beyond said locked position; and

(B) a brake pedal locking mechanism including a cam on said brake pedal, a cam follower which engages said cam, a control arm which operatively cooperates with said cam

follower, and an over-center spring which operatively communicates with both said cam follower and said control arm and which moves through an over-center position upon movement of said brake pedal into said locked position at the end of said operating stroke position, thereby changing a biasing direction thereof from one pulling said cam follower downwardly to one pulling said cam follower upwardly.

12. (Original) An actuator assembly as recited in claim 11, further comprising
 - (A) an accelerator pedal; and
 - (B) a kickoff mechanism which operatively couples said accelerator pedal to said brake pedal locking mechanism and which actuates said brake pedal locking mechanism to unlatch said brake pedal from said locked position upon actuation of said accelerator pedal.
13. (Original) An actuator assembly as recited in claim 12, wherein said cam follower comprises a swing arm which is positioned adjacent said brake pedal and a roller which is mounted on said swing arm so as to ride along said cam, and wherein said kick-off mechanism comprises an arm which is mounted on said swing arm and which is engaged by said accelerator pedal upon actuation thereof so as to drive said swing arm to a position in which said over-center spring assumes said over-center position and releases said brake pedal.
14. (Original) An actuator assembly as recited in claim 11, wherein said control arm is mounted on said brake pedal and said cam follower comprises a swing arm which is positioned adjacent said brake pedal and a roller which is mounted on said swing arm so as to ride along said cam.
15. (Original) An actuator assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein a dog is provided on said swing arm and a detent is provided on said control arm, and wherein said locking mechanism is configured so that said dog is locked against said detent when said brake pedal is in said locked position.
16. (Original) An actuator assembly as recited in claim 15, further comprising a lug on said swing arm and a toggle arm which is mounted on said brake pedal and which selectively

cooperates with said lug on said swing arm so as to prevent contact between said dog and said detent until said brake pedal approaches said locked position, thereby providing for single point latching and a single audible indication that the brake pedal has been depressed sufficiently to be latched in said locked position.

17. (Original) An actuator assembly as recited in claim 14, wherein said cam and said roller are configured such that, during unlatching of said brake pedal, said roller rides along said cam in a path that is at least generally tangential to a pivot arc of said swing arm during at least a portion of a brake pedal unlatching process, thereby facilitating unlatching of said brake pedal by said kick-off mechanism.

18. (Original) An actuator assembly as recited in claim 11, further comprising a support bracket on which said brake pedal, said locking mechanism, and said accelerator pedal are mounted such that said brake pedal and accelerator pedal are coaxially pivotal about a first axis and said swing arm is pivotal about a second axis which is parallel to but offset from said first axis.

19. (Original) A brake actuator assembly for a hydraulic braking system of a vehicle comprising:

(A) a brake pedal which is pivotal, under the imposition of manual operating forces, from an at-rest position, through an operating stroke in which the vehicle's brakes are engaged and in which said brake pedal returns automatically to said at-rest position upon release of the manual operating forces to release the brakes, and to a locked position which is located beyond an end of said operating stroke;

(B) a brake pedal locking mechanism which automatically latches said brake pedal in said locked position upon movement of said brake pedal into said locked position, thereby holding the brakes in their engaged condition, said brake pedal locking mechanism including a cam on said brake pedal, a swing arm, and a roller which is mounted on said swing arm and which rides along said cam;

(C) an accelerator pedal; and

(D) a kickoff mechanism which is mounted on said swing arm and which is engaged

by said accelerator pedal upon accelerator pedal actuation to move said swing arm into a position that unlatches said brake pedal from said locked position, wherein said cam and said roller are configured such that, during at least a portion of a brake pedal unlatching process, said roller rides along said cam in a path that is at least generally tangential to a pivot arc of said swing arm, thereby facilitating unlocking of said lock mechanism by said kick-off mechanism.

20. (Original) A vehicle comprising:

- (A) a plurality of wheels;
- (B) a chassis supported on said wheels and having a floorboard; and
- (C) a hydraulic braking system comprising
 - (1) a plurality of hydraulic brakes, each of which is associated with a corresponding one of said wheels,
 - (2) a hydraulic master cylinder in fluid communication with said brakes, and
 - (3) a brake actuator assembly which is coupled to said master cylinder, said brake actuator assembly being located entirely above said floorboard and including
 - a) a support bracket which is mounted on said vehicle above said floorboard,
 - b) a brake pedal which is mounted on said support bracket so as to be pivotal, under the imposition of manual operating forces, from an at-rest position, i) through an operating stroke in which the vehicle's brakes are engaged and in which said brake pedal returns automatically to said at-rest position upon release of the manual operating forces to release the brakes, ii) through a locked position which is located beyond an end of said operating stroke, and iii) to an over-travel position which is located beyond said locked position,
 - c) a brake pedal locking mechanism including a cam on said brake pedal, a cam follower which engages said brake pedal, a control arm which operatively cooperates with said cam follower, and an over-center spring which operatively communicates with both said cam follower and said control arm and which moves through an over-center position upon movement of said brake pedal into said locked position at the end of said